

CRUISER REPORTED NEARING CORINTO

State Department Expects
Buffalo to Reach There
Tomorrow.

NO MORE SHIPS WILL BE ORDERED

Officials Consider Present Force
Sufficient to Handle
Situation.

It was said at the State Department late this afternoon that the indications are that the auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, with 700 marines on board will reach Corinto, Nicaragua, tomorrow.

Both Secretary of State Knox and Assistant Secretary Huntington Wilson are out of Washington today. This indicates that the resignation of President Zelaya is considered as being practically an end of the Nicaraguan revolution and the vigilant watch that has been kept here over Nicaraguan affairs for two months past may be abated slightly.

It was learned at the department this morning that it is not planned to send additional ships and marines to the Nicaraguan coast, those now in Central American ports and en route, being deemed sufficient for all needs.

Estrada Favored.

The impression is growing in diplomatic circles here that General Estrada, leader of the revolt, probably will be named President. Dispatches from Managua and other Nicaraguan cities indicate that public demonstrations against Zelaya plainly indicate the populace will not accept without protest any successor to Zelaya who is in the slightest in sympathy with the former President.

It is understood that this Government is inclined toward Estrada. Dr. Castillo, diplomatic representative of the provisional government, made an effort to see Secretary Knox with a view to obtaining a formal recognition of Estrada's government before the Secretary's departure for New York yesterday. Missing an appointment, however, it is thought Dr. Castillo will seek an audience with Secretary Knox upon his return, and will urge immediate recognition of Estrada.

A resolution asking that Congress shall recognize the Estrada form of government and shall at the same time insist upon the trial and punishment of Zelaya has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Sulzer, of New York.

Deny Rupture.

Senor Enrique C. Cerec, diplomatic agent of Mexico, now in Washington charged particularly with looking out for the Nicaraguan situation, has denied that there is any strained relations between his country and the United States. He admitted, however, that he had made a suggestion to certain interests in Guatemala be considered by this country in its attitude toward the Nicaraguan situation, and that Mexico should be allowed practically a free hand in dealing with the situation there.

The press of Senor Cerec's republic, however, seems to entertain different views as to the action of the United States and a number of Mexican publications speak in condemnatory terms of the program of the United States in Nicaragua.

Dispatches that Zelaya, in the hour of his downfall, has started upon a campaign of revenge and is torturing prisoners throughout the country, are credited by Central Americans here. It had been expected all along, they say, that Zelaya would withhold his vengeance until he saw his end approaching.

Sails With Marines.

PANAMA, Dec. 18.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, with 700 marines on board, sailed for Corinto at midnight last night. They will not be landed without definite orders to Rear Admiral Kimball from Washington.

Died.

MCCULLUM—Suddenly, on Friday, December 17, 1909, at 1 p. m., JOHN MCCULLUM, son of the late WILLIAM H. and Mary MCCULLUM, at Wilmington, Del.

JOHNSON—On Saturday, December 18, 1909, WILLIAM JOHNSON, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

Mr. Johnson was born in New York city sixty-seven years ago. He came to Washington in 1884 as secretary to Representative Anderson of Ohio, and made his home here from that time. His death occurred after an illness of three weeks. His wife is his only survivor.

HALEY—On Saturday, December 18, 1909, at 6 a. m., H. B. HALEY, of Washington, D. C., aged sixty-seven years.

Mr. Haley was born in Pennsylvania county, Pa., in 1842, and made his home there until 1864, when he received an appointment in the state auditor's office and moved to Richmond. Three years ago he came to Washington and made his home with his daughter until his death. He was sixty-seven years old and is survived by his wife, three sons and four daughters.

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MISSING TWO WEEKS



ALMA KELLNER.

KELLNER PARENTS OFFER BIG REWARD

Willing to Pay \$5,000 for
Return of Their Young
Daughter.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 18.—Parents and relatives of Alma Katherine Kellner, aged eight years, who has been missing for two weeks, today decided to offer a reward of \$5,000 for her return, agreeing to ask no questions and order no prosecution. It is believed that if the little girl is alive and in the hands of kidnappers this offer will cause them to give her up.

The relatives of the Kellner girl have almost given up hope of ever seeing her again alive. They believe she has been the victim of some Jack the Ripper.

The police authorities of Louisville declare they have searched every house and cottage in the city. The girl is not in Louisville, declared Chief of Detectives Carney. The entire county has been searched, he declared, and no trace of her has been found.

Mrs. Fred Kellner, the mother of the little girl, lies in bed at her home, 507 East Broadway, hysterical and at times delirious. The doctor who is attending her declares her mind will give way if some information is not received today regarding the fate of her daughter.

Mr. Kellner has gone to the office of the chief of detectives repeatedly, only to be told that there is still no evidence as to her whereabouts.

NOT WHAT HE SAW.

"Doc, I can't sleep."
"Try counting sheep."
"Sheep ain't what I see, doc. Sleep wouldn't scare me enough to keep me awake."—Louisville Courier Journal.



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PINKERTONS SEVER BANK CONNECTIONS

Financial Consideration
Given as Cause—Succeeded
by W. J. Burns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Financiers, police, and denizens of the underworld were interested to hear today the announcement of the American Bankers' Association that it had parted company with the Pinkertons, who will be succeeded by the agency, the head of which is William J. Burns, who did great work in uncovering the San Francisco graft scandals. Allen Pinkerton could not be found at his residence in Brooklyn today, but one of his lieutenants said:

"We have not been fired by the Bankers. The truth is the Pinkertons quit them. We were asked to do the work for a much smaller rate than we had been getting, and as there was no money in it we simply threw up the job. This separation has been foreseen for the last two years. The only reason for it is the financial one, and you can say that it was the Pinkertons who severed the relationship, and not the Bankers."

AMUNDSEN TO SAIL FOR ARCTIC SEAS

Captain Nilson Willi Com-
mand Fram on Expedition
of Six Years.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 18.—With the prospect before him of spending not less than six years in the frozen North on an Arctic exploring expedition, Capt. Theodore Nilson, who earned his title as the commander of merchant vessels, who is also a lieutenant in the Norwegian navy arrived in New Orleans Saturday on his way to Norway, to make a North Pole voyage.

"I am to take command of the Fram, on which Captain Amundsen and his party will make the voyage," said Nilson.

"We expect to be gone six years, but the ship will carry provisions for seven years."

The expedition is partly supported by the Norwegian government.

PLANNING TO BOOST

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Secretary MacVeagh Orders That

City, State, and Railroad Securities Be Not Accepted.

From this time forward no State, city, and railroad bonds will be accepted by the Secretary of the Treasury as security for Government deposits. This will necessitate the withdrawal of bonds now in the treasury amounting to about \$10,000,000, which were accepted by Secretary Cortelyou during the panic of 1907. Secretary MacVeagh believes that the new order will stimulate the price of Government bonds, which will have to take the place of the withdrawn securities.

EVADES DROWNING; FREEZES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—After escaping death in the water by dragging himself to a float within sight of the street and alongside the White Star liner Oceanic, Harry Longman, a fireman on the steamer, died of exposure on the float. Longman's body was found frozen stiff on the float at daybreak.

COPENHAGEN PROBES CHARGES OF LOOSE

Supporters of Dr. Cook
Are Fast Losing
Hopes.

PEARY IS GROWING IN ESTEEM OF DANES

Leading Newspaper Intimates
Strongly That Verdict Will
Be Unfavorable.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—Following close after the universally believed report that Dr. Cook's proofs are being found unsatisfactory by the examining committee of Copenhagen university, comes the information today that the examining committee in a session today is taking up the affidavit of Capt. A. W. Loose, who claims to have supplied Cook with fake observations.

That the trend of the examination is against Dr. Cook, there can no longer be much doubt, the only question being how great a degree of doubt will be expressed. The whole affair is being conducted with efforts at absolute secrecy, but there are leaks. It is significant that Dr. Cook has not supplied conclusive proof.

Claims Interesting.

Consideration of the claims of Captain Loose arouses much interest, in view of statements made by members of the examining committee on their appointment to the effect that they should give no consideration to any outside matter of any kind, but simply to Dr. Cook's own records.

It is clear that the plan of the examining committee is to have the special examining committee report from time to time to the university consistory, and after consultation with the consistory the examining committee is to continue its work. This method would mean another session of the consistory to be held tomorrow.

Friday the examining committee spent about seven hours studying the records, continuing its work until midnight, and yesterday made its first report through Rector Torp to the consistory, which met in the Consistorium, the oldest structure in Copenhagen. For nearly four hours the report of the examining committee was discussed.

May Go Farther.

The impression prevails that the consistory received a fairly definite report on the authenticity of Cook's claims, but that its final conclusion was that the examining committee should make still further study of both Cook's records and the other material entered in the case.

Peary partisans are suddenly coming out in the open here, which has always been a pro-Cook center.

All the Danish newspapers today give attention to the Loos-Dunkle affidavits. When Captain Loos first made his statement not much consideration was given to it here, owing to the lack of detail, but now fairly complete reports of his charges have been printed and the newspapers, all partisans of the Cook side of the controversy, are obviously disturbed.

The National Tidende, for instance, says "It is impossible to see for what purpose he had any relations with Loos, and this, in our opinion, casts a serious shade on Dr. Cook."

SISTER AND HUSBAND

DIE ON SAME DAY

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Cameron, wife of Gilbert Cameron, manager of the Buffalo Yacht Club, was at the bedside of her husband this morning when she suddenly had a sinking spell and died. He had recently undergone an operation.

Mr. Cameron had barely passed away when a messenger boy delivered a telegram from Los Angeles, Cal., that Mrs. Charles A. Shay, sister of Mrs. Cameron, was dead.

FINDS HE'S A PREACHER.

WOODBURY, N. J., Dec. 18.—Charles Wilkins, one of the leading business men of Thorofare, has been a licensed preacher for twenty years, but was ignorant of the fact until today. In looking over some old papers in his desk, Rev. Isaac Fowler, of the same place, ran across the document licensing Mr. Wilkins to preach. It was signed by Rev. John B. Graw, then presiding elder of the Camden district.

FEWER DRINKS NOW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The annual beer bulletin just issued by the United States Brewers' Association, indicates that there has been a tendency throughout the country to dispense with "just one more," and to go home earlier this year than last. There has been a falling off of 4.14 per cent in the amount of beer drunk in all the States, leaving a total of only 36,308,497 barrels produced.

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<p>\$7.50 Men's Solid Gold Signet Rings.....\$5.00</p>	<p>\$3.50 Lady's Solid Gold Signet Rings.....\$1.25</p>	<p>\$6.50 Genuine Diamond Scarf Pin.....\$4.50</p>
<p>\$6.00 Diamond and Gold Cuff Buttons.....\$2.00</p>	<p>Comb, Brush, and Mirror.....\$3.50</p>	<p>\$5.00 Silver Shaving Mug and Brush in box.....\$3.50</p>
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